Information Services Board Geographic Information Technology (GIT) Committee Update
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Description
Update on strategic planning activities of the Information Services Board (ISB) Committee on GIT.

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Washington State Strategic Plan for GIT

At their November 15, 2004 meeting, the ISB GIT Committee unanimously approved the final version of the Washington State Strategic Plan for Geographic Information Technology.

The plan focuses on Washington state agencies and frames its strategic objectives in the context of cross-governmental partnerships that are fundamental to the successful resolution of environmental, transportation, public safety and other multi-jurisdictional problems.

Implementation of the plan will help government policy and decision makers select solutions faster through improved access to accurate, timely, and pertinent information. In many cases benefits will be apparent in the near term as redundancies are identified and removed. Other benefits will accrue over the long term as shareable infrastructure and key data and information are collected and maintained once but used many times throughout the enterprise with minimal integration and access issues. Copies of the full plan are available at http://wagic.wa.gov.

Central to the success of the Strategic Plan is the development of a common vision and architecture for GIT deployment across state agencies. The development of an Enterprise Architecture (EA) that meets shared GIT needs will be the first initiative launched under the plan. The EA process will help identify elements of shareable infrastructure in order to lower costs and promote joint investments, and will increase agencies capacity to support mission-critical policy decisions both within and across organizations. Development of the GIT/EA will also provide the mechanism to address a number of plan objectives related to information access and data integration.

GIT staff is working in collaboration with the ISB EA Committee to launch this initiative. The ISB/GIT Committee will review project charter, draft principles and other proposed project details at their next meeting.

Please see the attached Executive Summary of the Washington State Geographic Information Strategic Plan for a more detailed overview of plan elements.

Next GIT Meeting: Tentative March 17, 2005.